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Kentucky Chamber announces launch of RegWatch Web site

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 18, 2007) – Today, the Commonwealth Office of Technology launched RegWatch, a Web site created by legislation initiated and supported by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, which will make it easier and less expensive for small businesses to comply with the regulatory process.

RegWatch is a free service that enables users to register with state government agencies to receive notification of changes to existing administrative regulations or to receive notice of newly proposed administrative regulations. Users have the ability to register by agency, by topic, or a combination of both.

“RegWatch will greatly enhance the ease with which business owners can be adequately informed of regulatory proposals that affect them and help ensure owners and managers are given the opportunity to respond to new rules and regulations,” said Dave Adkisson, president and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce worked with Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo (D-Lexington) and Sen. Dick Roeding (R-Lakeside Park) to pass this legislation last year. Over the past year, Chamber staff has worked with state leaders to help implement this important legislation for small businesses.

“Small businesses will benefit most from RegWatch,” said Bryan Sunderland, director of public affairs for the Chamber. “Small businesses often do not have the resources to employ a full-time attorney to help them comply with regulations. Now they can visit the RegWatch site to learn about state regulations that impact their company.”

The Chamber-initiated legislation also requires, for the first time, state government to detail the costs and benefits of new or revised regulations and provides that each agency will have a small business ombudsman to respond to inquiries from small businesses. The RegWatch Web site includes administrative contacts from each state agency in one convenient location.

Visit RegWatch on the web at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/Regwatch>.

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